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RED WOUNDED POURING BACK FROM FINLAND

London, To-day.

THE MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT of the "Daily Telegraph" says that the conspiracy of silence by the Soviet leaders, to hide from the Russian people the fact that their Army in Finland has suffered severe reverses, is failing.

During these last few days, despite Stalin's birthday and the equally flower-decked ceremonies of the local Soviet elections of unopposed candidates, the war feeling has become alive in Moscow.

"You could feel," he cables, "the secret tension in the street . . . . . the strain among those hiding their real feelings.

"This was because they were beginning to hear about the many casualties suffered by the Soviet Army in what had originally been presented to them as a mere man-hunt of Finnish policemen by the vastly superior Soviet Expeditionary Force.

"They have now heard that the Leningrad hospitals are full of wounded, that the schools of the city are being closed, partly as an air-raid precaution, but mainly to provide space for beds.

MORE AND MORE WOUNDED

"They have now heard that at various points on the Leningrad-Moscow Railway, the local hospitals are filling up.

"They have heard that wounded are actually being shunted around Moscow.

"Finally, they have heard the report that one at least of Moscow's biggest hospitals is being evacuated of its civilian patients."—Reuter.

HUNDREDS OF SOVIET ARMY FREEZE TO DEATH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" reports that the Soviet troops in northern Finland are using German-made tanks.

The correspondent adds that the Russians have put into the field 16 divisions of 18,000 men each from Lake Ladoga to the extreme north, while the Finns can only oppose one battalion against one division.

"The suffering endured by the Russians is beyond description.

SOVIET DESERTERS

"The Finnish army has been compelled to create special police detachments to assist Soviet deserters roaming in the forests in a temperature of 35 below Zero.

"Hundreds of Soviet soldiers have been frozen to death. The Finnish sufferings are also very hard. Wounded from the advance skiing units are compelled to cover long distances to reach an ambulance."—Havas.

SOVIET MINISTER EXECUTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

It is reliably reported that the former Soviet Minister to Helsinki, Vladimir Derevianov, was shot in Moscow after a summary trial on charges of gross neglect of duty.

M. Derevianov had constantly reported to Moscow that Finland would not resist the Soviet threat, and thus is held responsible for launching the present disastrous offensive.

It is also reported that three Generals and six junior officers have been executed for failure in the Finnish campaign.—Havas.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK BY MINE

London, To-day.

Seven members of the crew of a small Norwegian steamer which was mined in the North Sea yesterday have been picked up. The other members of the crew went down with the ship.—Reuter.

PARIS A.A. GUNS IN ACTION

Paris, To-day.

Anti-aircraft guns in the neighbourhood of Paris were in action yesterday against an unidentified plane flying high towards Paris.

The air raid alarm sounded in Paris but was over in about 20 minutes.—Reuter.

AMAZING EPIC OF THE SEA

London, To-day.

Their ship cut in half by a German torpedo, the crew of the London tanker San Alberto returned to the surviving stern half, got steam up and made a bold attempt to sail to port.

This amazing sea story became known last night.

The San Alberto was attacked without warning on December 9, and the crew escaped in four boats 15 minutes before she broke in two.

The fore part twisted and sank immediately.

DRIVING SQUALLS

Two boats, with the captain in one, kept together in driving rain squalls and rising wind, and they could occasionally see the other boats but could not reach them.

Early in the afternoon the captain determined that the after part would not sink. He returned and the crew started to raise steam.

By night time the engines were working and there was electric light.

A third lifeboat came alongside but one was still missing.

ATTEMPT FRUSTRATED

By keeping the engines going slow astern they kept the seas from tearing the front part of the ship's remains to bits, but every time she came head to sea great strips of plating were torn away, and the attempt to make port had to be abandoned.

At 10 p.m. another vessel's lights were sighted and an S.O.S. sent.

She was asked to search for the missing boat, which she failed to find, and then stand by.

Next morning this ship, the Belgian tanker Alexandre Andre, attempted to transfer the San Alberto's crew.

HIGH SEAS

The seas were running so high that the lifeboat was unable to get nearer than 20 feet.

After two men had jumped into the sea and had been picked up, they decided to wait for the weather to moderate.

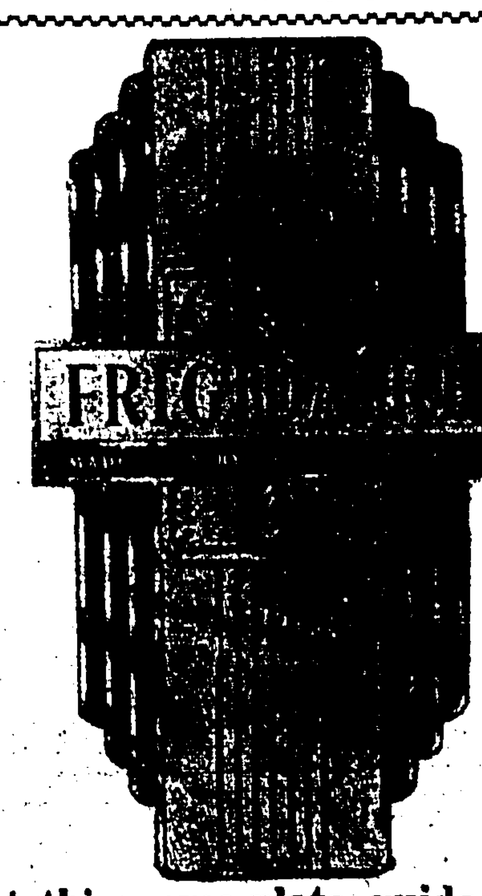
DESTROYER APPEARS

That night a destroyer appeared and offered to attempt an immediate rescue, but the Alberto's captain decided to wait for daylight, in spite of the heavy seas and darkness and the breaking up remnant of his ship, which was slowly sinking by the stern.

At 7 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 11 lines were passed by the warship and the crew ferried over in Carley floats.

The crew in the fourth lifeboat were eventually picked up by the steamer Maunder and landed after five days at sea.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate to fresh; fine.



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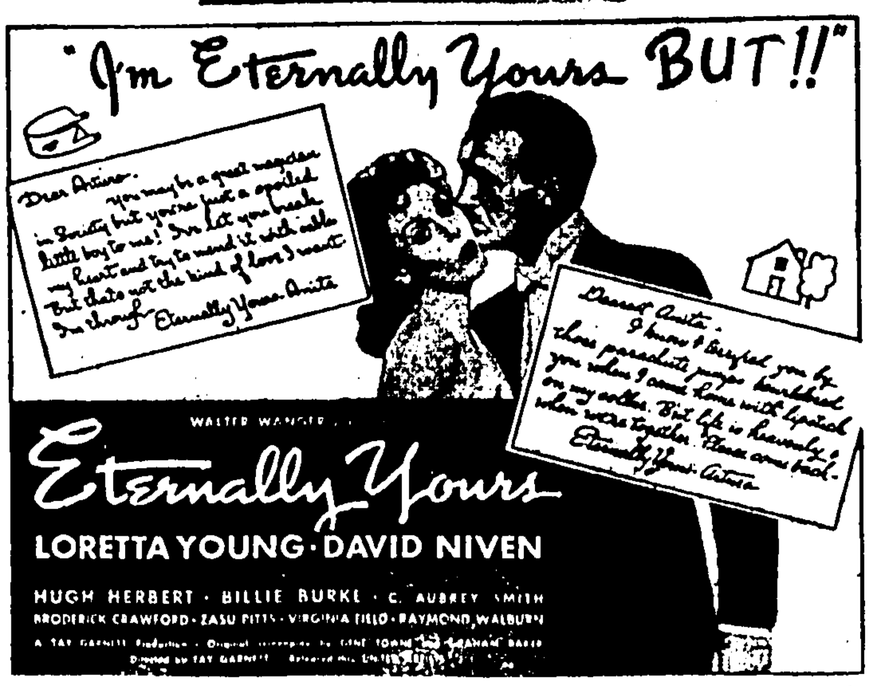

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MECHANISATION MAY CHANGE WAR

BUT THE ARMY STILL NEEDS ITS MULES FROM INDIA

London, To-day.

MULES FROM INDIA ARE now joining the British Expeditionary Force in France, proving again that no war or military operation can safely be conducted without mules, writes Reuter's military correspondent.

The mule retains his indispensability whatever the circumstances.

It was frequently demonstrated in the last war that the mule could surmount all obstacles, and he was unequalled for pack-carrying across country when shell-fire had made roads impassable.

The animals now arriving from India are old soldiers in every sense. They have served with the screw-guns on the North-West Frontier or in pack-trains attached to mobile columns in Razmak or Wana.

Accompanied by mule transport, the columns can go anywhere, and the guns can be galloped into action and mounted in the wildest locations.

Mules have enough sense to remain under cover until the time comes for them to take up their burdens again. — Reuter.

BRITISH ARMS BUYING IN AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Mr. Arthur Purvis, member of the British Committee for purchasing war materials in the United States, stated that Britain is shortly purchasing important quantities of planes and other armaments.

Mr. Purvis added that he was most careful to eliminate the possibility of bidding between Britain and France.

Overbidding against other countries like Finland, Rumania and Sweden will also be avoided.—Havas.

MOSCICKI NOW IN FREIBURG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Freiburg (Switzerland), To-day.

The ex-Polish President, M. Moscicki, arrived here yesterday morning from Rumania.

It will be recalled that M. Moscicki was Professor of Chemistry at Freiburg University for many years early in the present century when he was granted Swiss citizenship.

According to Swiss law he is still a Swiss citizen.—Havas.

WAR OF ENDURANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Boston, To-day.

Rear-Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, who recently retired from the United States Navy after a long period as Commander of the Asiatic Fleet, is of the opinion that the bombing of Chinese cities "has done more to unify China than any other one thing."

"The present conflict in the Far East", Admiral Yarnell said, in a special press interview, "seems to be stalemated and has boiled down to a war of endurance."—Havas.

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GERMAN PROPAGANDA IN FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Reliable information from Helsinki indicates that German and Soviet propaganda is working hand in hand in Finland.

German agents are distributing pamphlets stating that Berlin interprets the Finnish appeal to the Allies as an infringement of Finland's neutrality towards Germany.

German propaganda is also active in the Scandinavian countries, notably Norway, the main thesis being that Germany's attitude depends on Scandinavian policy towards the Soviet.

Nevertheless the movement for Scandinavian solidarity is constantly growing.—Havas.

JAPANESE UNDERCUT RICE PRICE

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

CHINESE TRADING QUARTERS VIEW WITH STRONG SUSPICION THE MOTIVE BEHIND THE OPERATION IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HERE OF A RICE SHOP WHERE GRAIN IS SELLING AT $30 A PICUL COMPARED WITH THE MARKET PRICE OF $40.

Opened about three weeks ago under the name of Tung Shing (Oriental Prosperity) Company, the station has been selling native rice to hundreds of coolies daily.

The shop's operations are said to have a damaging effect on the rice trade of the entire area, since legitimate merchants are unable to purchase rice for sale at prices much below the quotations given by the shop.

Labour discontent is still manifest in subdued form, and strikes at several factories remain unsettled.—Reuter.

FINNISH PURCHASES IN U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

COLONEL NENTONEN, OF THE FINNISH ARMY WHO IS HEADING A MISSION FOR THE PURCHASE OF WAR MATERIAL IN THE UNITED STATES, VISITED THE WAR DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY.

He was informed that the American Army itself is short of anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns, and that all munition plants are engaged in manufacturing these weapons for the Government.

Despite the difficulty which thus arises, Colonel Nentonen left the War Department in happy mood.

He stated he did not doubt that the War Department would extend facilities to the Finnish mission.—Havas.

ASSURANCES OF AID TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

Columbia, Liberia, Uruguay and the Dominican Republic have informed the League of Nations that they are ready to help Finland.

This brings to 12 the number of states who have answered the League's appeal.—Havas.

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BRITISH ENVOY SEES MR. HULL

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

LORD LOTHIAN, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, AND MR. CORDELL HULL, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CONFERRED AT LENGTH YESTERDAY.

It is intimated that the Pan-American protest against belligerent naval activity in the so-called "neutrality zone" and economic matters connected with the war were discussed.

After the conference, Mr. Cordell Hull stated that the British reply to the protest could be expected soon.

On other issues, no conclusions of any kind were reached. Mr. Hull told press representatives that the position of the United States regarding the two-way blockade of Germany by the Allies did not arise, as no instance of interference with American cargoes has yet been brought to the attention of the State Department.—Reuter.

BRITONS OFF GRAF SPEE SAIL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Buenos Aires, To-day.

Five British skippers and 55 British sailors, former prisoners on board the Admiral Graf Spee, sailed for England on board the Highland Chieftain yesterday.

Meanwhile the authorities have decided to send members of the crew of Admiral Graf Spee to various parts of Argentina on farms, plantations and industrial establishments.

It is learned that the Government refused the request of the Nazi Ambassador, Freiherr von Thermann, that officers of the Graf Spee be sent as German naval attaches to various German Legations in Latin-America.—Havas.

ARGENTINE REJECTS PROTEST

Buenos Aires, To-day.

The rejection of Germany's protest against the internment of the crew of the Graf Spee is contained in a long memorandum published by the Argentine Government.

Argentina justifies the refusal under Article Thirteen of the Hague Convention, 1907.

It is pointed out that the pocket-battleship was sunk voluntarily and that her crew were rescued by tugs expressly provided for the purpose.—Reuter.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over China and the neighbouring seas remains unchanged.

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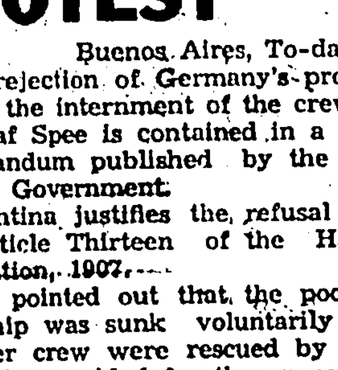

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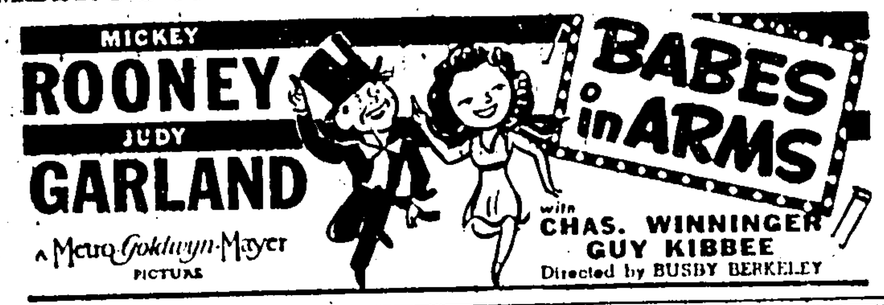

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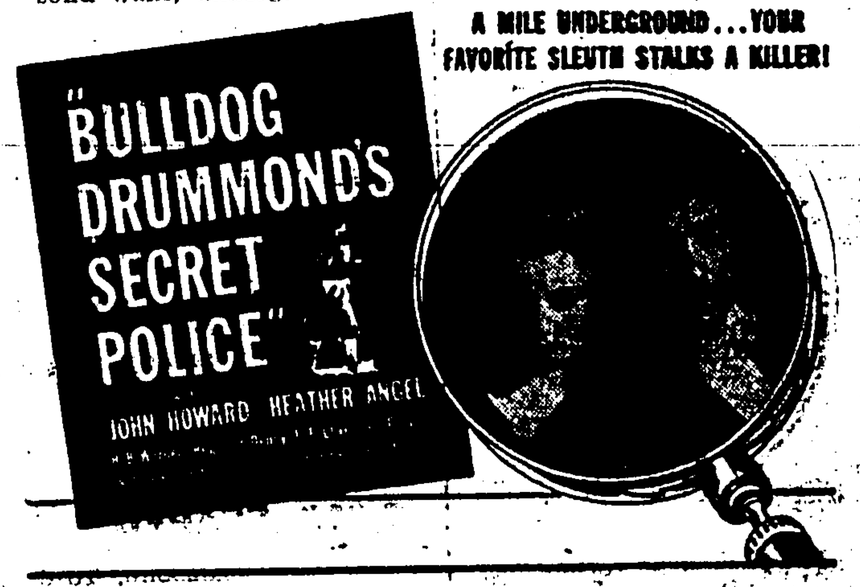

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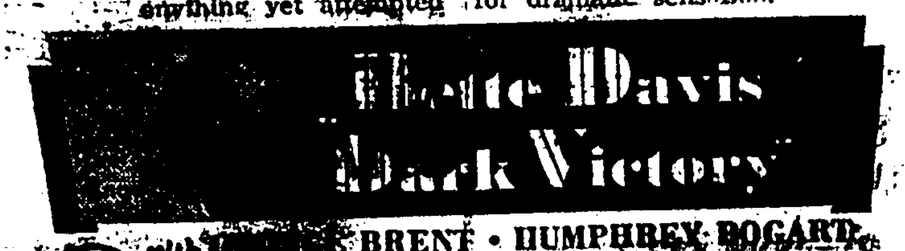

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TOWNS AND VILLAGES FEARED DESTROYED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara, To-day.

AN EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED in several regions in Anatolia yesterday.

Four shocks were felt, two of which were of some strength.

It is feared that the number of casualties may run into hundreds as scores of villages are reported to have been destroyed and several large-sized towns have been silent since the catastrophe.

Several shocks were felt at two o'clock in the afternoon and they continued until after 5 p.m. Rumblings were continuing last night.

The Turkish Minister of the Interior has left Ankara for the devastated area to direct relief measures.

No estimate of the casualty toll is possible as the communications system has broken down completely, but the gravest fears of a heavy deathroll are entertained. — Havas.

Ankara, To-day.

The quake, which was a severe one, shook Anatolia at 1 o'clock in the morning.

Details of casualties and damage are not yet available, but it is known that many were killed and injured and much property destroyed.

The Minister of Interior has gone personally to supervise rescue and relief work in Anatolia.

It is still impossible to assess the damage and casualties because communications in some of the affected areas are interrupted.

The principal towns in several eastern departments were partly destroyed and many villages laid in ruins.—Reuter.

HISTORIC CITY DESTROYED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara, To-day.

The historic city of Sivas was almost entirely destroyed by yesterday's disastrous earthquake.

Many small cities and villages were also destroyed.

It is confirmed that hundreds were killed and wounded.

Sivas played an important part in Kemal Ataturk's Nationalist movement, and was at one time the capital of Kemal's revolutionary movement. — Havas.

6,000 FEARED DEAD

Anakara, To-day.

According to unofficial estimates, the deathroll in the Anatolia earthquake is over 6,000.—Reuter.

LOS ANGELES GETS A SHAKING

Los Angeles, To-day.

An earthquake shook buildings in Los Angeles and Long Beach at 11.30 (local time) yesterday.

The inhabitants hurried to the streets for safety.

Hitherto no reports of damage have been received.—Reuter.

HANDBAG THEFTS

Mrs. Alferieff, residing at Courtlands Hotel, Kennedy Road, had her handbag containing $220 stolen from the counter of the King's Dispensary, Queen's Road Central, yesterday.

Two similar thefts occurred in Nathan Road yesterday afternoon. The victims were Mrs. K. S. Yiu, of No. 207, Wanchai Road, and Mrs. Chan Choi-wan, of No. 373, Nathan Road.

DEMOCRACY'S DANGER IN INDIA

New Delhi, To-day.

The president of the All-India Liberal Federation said yesterday that the greatest danger to democracy in India was what he called the totalitarian spirit prevailing in Congress and the Moslem League.

In a reference to the international situation, he said that India's safety depended on her intimate association with the British Commonwealth.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES OF ALLIES AND NAZIS

New York, To-day.

The Christmas declarations of King George and the French Premier, M. Daladier, are favourably contrasted with those of the Nazi leaders by the American press.

The "Boston Herald" says the statements of the King and M. Daladier are the more understandable to Americans because they spoke in the cautious words of rulers who recognise their responsibilities to their people.

"Conversely," says the newspaper, "we were shocked by the Christmas message of Herr Hess (Hitler's deputy), in which he said the German nation 'feel God has sent us a man,' because the man referred to is not Jesus but Hitler.—Reuter.

ISLAND LEARNS OF WAR FROM ADM. BYRD

Wellington (N.Z.), To-day.

Admiral Richard Byrd, the American Polar explorer, arrived here unexpectedly yesterday on board the Polar exploration ship North Star en route to the Antarctic.

The passage out was uneventful until the North Star ran into a gale, but the ship and cargo, which included a huge snow cruiser, were undamaged.

Christmas Day was missed by crossing the international date line, but the festival nevertheless was celebrated with an exchange of gifts and carol singing.

The expedition called at Pitcairn Island, where they found the inhabitants had an adequate supply of food to see them through until the supply ship arrived.

Admiral Byrd also called at Ropa, near Pitcairn, where the inhabitants were previously unaware that war had broke out.—Reuter.

CHARGES AGAINST CANVASSER

Tam Pak, alias Tam Tit-yu, 32, canvasser, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with embezzlement of $415.75, alleged to have been received by him on behalf of Attar Singh, provision merchant of No. 17, Morrison Hill Road.

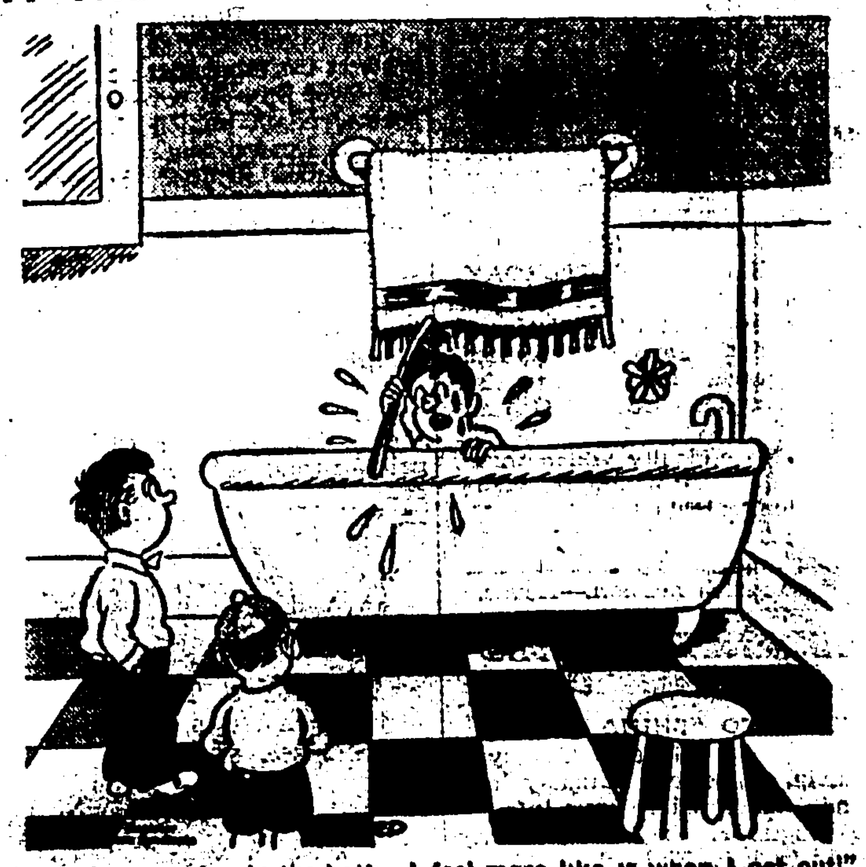
Mr. C. D'Almada pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented Attar Singh.

Hearing was fixed for January 16 and 17. Bail of $500 was allowed.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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LIVELY DAY FOR R.A.F. IN THE NORTH SEA

London, To-day.

R.A.F. PLANES HAD encounters with enemy air and surface craft in the North Sea yesterday.

Two enemy destroyers and four patrol vessels were attacked with bombs.

Later the same R.A.F. aircraft attacked seven more German patrol ships and made at least one hit.

London, Later.

Later news of the North Sea engagements reveals that a British aircraft encountered a Dornier bomber and registered several hits with machinegun bullets.

Another British aircraft was in a series of head-on combats with a second Dornier.

In the latter stage of the encounter the German bomber was attacked with bombs dropped by the British pilot as he dived towards it.

The bombs only narrowly missed the objective.

TIGHT CIRCLE

When a third Dornier came on the scene the two German aircraft flew in a tight circle to bring cross-fire from the front and rear guns to bear against their British opponent.

This manoeuvre was broken by the steadiness and accuracy of the British gunner, who observed a number of bursts find their mark on each Dornier, each of which was damaged and silenced.

The attack against Nazi destroyers and patrol ships was made close to the German coast, and the attack on seven patrol ships was close to their base when the British pilot made dive attacks.

The German ships put up heavy fire against the aircraft which nevertheless were not damaged.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS BICYCLE STOLEN

MASTER EDWARD BROWN LOST HIS CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM HIS FATHER THIS MORNING.

He was given a Hercules bicycle, valued at $78 on Christmas Day and this morning accompanied his brother to the Kent Bookstore near the Majestic Theatre.

Both he and his brother parked their cycles alongside the pavement but returning after a lapse of 10 minutes, found the Hercules cycle had been stolen.

"ONLY ONE THING FOR RHEUMATISM"

Sufferer Follows Good Advice — and Takes Kruschen

The writer of the following letter had a bad attack of rheumatism, and was advised to take Kruschen. He did so, and describes his experiences in the following words:—

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HABICHT GIVEN NEW JOB

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

It is reliably learned that Herr Theo Habicht, former Nazi District Chief in Austria before the anschluss, has now been appointed State Under-Secretary at the Wilhelmstrasse with the main task of cleaning out and reorganising German propaganda services in the United States.

This German move is apparently due to the recent trial of Herr Fritz Kuhn, former leader of the German-American Nazi Bund, now in gaol for embezzlement, which was a hard blow for German propaganda.

It is believed that a "purge" of the German diplomatic and consular services in America will also be made.

DOLLFUSS MURDER

It is recalled that Herr Habicht was closely involved in the murder of the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Dollfuss on July 24, 1934, but the failure of the Nazi putsch then, resulted in his disgrace.

He now returns to a prominent position in the Nazi Party following five years of absence from public life.—Havas.

BRITISH WAR TRADE WITH SWEDEN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A WAR TRADE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SWEDEN.

Object of the agreement is to adapt existing Anglo-Swedish trade agreements to war time conditions, with a view to maintaining trade between the countries at the normal level.

A joint standing commission, meeting periodically in London or Stockholm, will be set up to assist the smooth operation of arrangements contemplated under the agreement.—Reuter.

RUSSO-BULGARIAN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Moscow, To-day.

Trade negotiations between Russia and Bulgaria were expected to open late last night. The Bulgarian mission, consisting of six delegates headed by the Minister of Finance, arrived in Moscow yesterday morning.—Reuter.

Jumping from the second floor of a Chinese eating house at No. 78, Reclamation Street at 10.30 p.m. yesterday, a Chinese succumbed to his injuries early this morning.

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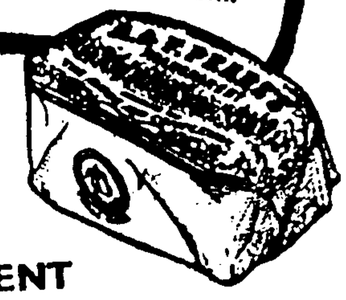

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Germany Releases British Diplomat on U.S. Pressure

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES have released Mr. George Gordon Vereker, Chancellor of the British Embassy at Moscow, who was made prisoner by a German cruiser in the Baltic while going to Britain in a neutral vessel.

Mr. Vereker is at present on the way to England.

The American Embassy in Berlin, which has assumed the defence of British interests, insisted on the diplomat's release. — Havas.

Amsterdam, To-day.

A description of his detention by the Nazis was given to the Oslo correspondent of the "Amsterdam Telegraaf" by Mr. Vereker.

Mr. Vereker said he wanted to go to England via Riga, Sweden and Norway, and had therefore booked his passage by an Estonian boat which was taking 75 Polish refugees to Sweden.

He said he presumed no German warship would be met in this part of the Baltic, "but I under-estimated.

IN SIGHT OF STOCKHOLM

"We were almost in sight of Stockholm, although still outside territorial waters, when a German auxiliary cruiser of 15,000 tons appeared and ordered us to stop.

"The Germans came on board and took the passengers prisoners."

Mr. Vereker then described his landing at the German control port at Swinemunde, where he was shut up in a military prison.

Although the imprisonment was unpleasant he said his situation was agreeable as possible under the circumstances.

GREAT CORRECTNESS

The Germans treated him with great correctness and sympathy, and denied him nothing but his freedom.

When the order for his release came he travelled by car to Sassnitz and then took the regular boat to Sweden.—Reuter

OVERSEAS LEAGUE TOBACCO FUND

London, To-day.

The Overseas League announces that since the opening of its Tobacco Fund, £21,500 has been collected, providing 21,500,000 cigarettes.

Subscriptions are being received from all parts of the Empire and British communities in foreign countries. —British Wireless.

IRANO-JAPANESE TREATY RATIFIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Teheran, To-day.

The Iranian Parliament yesterday ratified the Irano-Japanese Treaty of Friendship concluded on October 18. —Havas.

CUT IN STEAMER FARES!

Amsterdam, To-day.

As from Monday next, passenger rates between Europe and the Netherlands East Indies will be cut 10 per cent by the Netherland and Rotterdam steamship companies.—Reuter.

EFFORTS TO SETTLE TIENTSIN ISSUES

London, To-day.

SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK-KERR, British Ambassador in CHINA, will reach Chungking in the next 10 days on one of his periodical visits.

In Chungking he will discuss current questions with the Chinese Government, including various suggestions for solution of the Tientsin issues.

No agreement on these issues has yet been reached between the British and Japanese Governments.

The statement by the "Asahi Shimbun" in Tokyo that "everything depends on the British attitude" is manifestly incorrect, since the outcome also depends upon the views of the Japanese and Chinese Governments.

It is, of course, the object of the Ambassador's visit to Chungking to obtain, if possible, the consent of the Chinese Government to some reasonable arrangement which will dispose of this troublesome question.—Reuter.

LEAVING ON SATURDAY

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned authoritatively that Sir Archibald Kerr Clark-Kerr is leaving for Chungking on Saturday, accompanied by Lady Kerr.

This will be the Ambassador's second visit to Chungking since the outbreak of the war in Europe. — Reuter.

JAPANESE ADMIT PART OF STORY

PEIPING, TO-DAY.

ADMISSIONS MADE BY THE JAPANESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY SHOW THAT THE JAPANESE TROOPS IN INNER MONGOLIA WERE HARD PRESSED BY THE RECENT CHINESE OFFENSIVE.

Their casualties in the fighting at Paotow totalled 100 dead, including a full colonel.

At one time the Chinese gained a foothold in the north-western part of the city but were later driven out, the spokesman said, with heavy losses.

For a time the railway between Kweihua and Kalgan was interrupted.

Apparently the Chinese succeeded in advancing to the outposts at Kweihua before being driven back.

The Chinese forces were led by General Fu Tso-yi, former Governor of Suiyuan.—Reuter.

JAPANESE THREAT TO SHIUKWAN

Shiukwan, To-day.

The Japanese are reported to be steadily advancing north on the Canton-Hankow Line. Their object appears to be Shiukwan.

A few days ago the Shiukwan authorities ordered all civilians to prepare to move further inland.

The situation apparently deteriorated for yesterday evacuation of all civilians including businessmen was made compulsory and feverish efforts to evacuate the city as soon as possible were instituted.

Thousands of troops were seen leaving in a southerly direction apparently to reinforce the defences. — Our Own Correspondent.

B.B.C. BROADCASTS FOR B.E.F.

London, To-day.

Wireless programmes designed especially for the B.E.F. and other forces serving on land and sea will be broadcast by the B.B.C. from January 7. — British Wireless.

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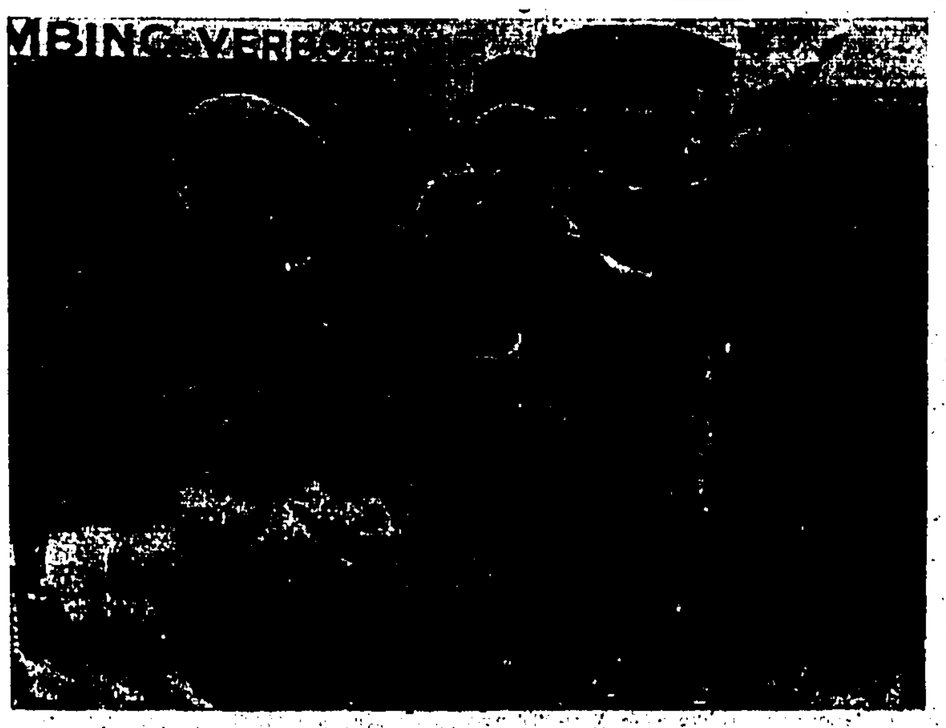

Dustmen employees of the Tottenham Borough cleansing department have formed the first of the war Pig Clubs, with 100 pigs delivered from pedigree pig farms in Herts. Photo shows Mr. Robert Morrison M. P. for North Tottenham with the pigs and the dustmen. (Copyright, Fox).

Red Army Still Hammering At Mannerheim Line

FROZEN LAKES PROVE A DEATHTRAP FOR TANKS AND INFANTRY: VIBORG SHELLED

Helsinki, To-day.

WHILE THE RUSSIANS continue to hammer at the left wing of the Mannerheim Line they are using heavy artillery all along the Karelian front, and are sending shells over the Finnish fortifications to objectives behind the lines.

Viborg particularly is suffering from the bombardment of these heavy guns, which it is estimated are operating some 25 miles away.

The Soviets launched wave after wave of violent attacks against the Mannerheim Line, hitherto with little, if any, success.

The intense cold enables the Soviet tanks and artillery to cross the frozen lakes.

Such operations, however, must be effected swiftly, owing to the vulnerability of the troops on the ice.

Finnish planes are constantly on the look-out, and mobile patrols are always in readiness to be rushed to menaced spots.

50-MILE RETREAT

A few well-directed bombs on the ice have discouraged more than one Soviet attempt to cross.

Latest reports from the Salla front declare the Russians have retreated altogether 50 miles from their most advanced point of 10 days ago, when they were nearly half way across the "wasp waist."

A Finnish communique states that a further Russian attempt to cross Lake Suvanto was foiled but a new attempt was begun and the battle continues.

It is claimed that eight tanks were destroyed in the Karelian Isthmus and eight captured in other parts of the front.

Russian air attacks have caused wholly insignificant damage to military objectives, but several civilians were killed and wounded. — Reuter.

WHITE BLANKETS AS CAMOUFLAGE

Helsinki, To-day.

New air-raid precautions are announced in Helsinki.

All motor-cars must now be painted white, so as to make them difficult to see from the air against the snowy background, and for the same reason pedestrians out on foot during raids must carry white sheets which can be spread over themselves when Soviet machines come down to machine-gun civilians. — Reuter.

HELSINKI AGAIN RAIDED

Helsinki, To-day.

Helsinki was raided again yesterday, the alarm lasting for two hours. Once again, no bombs were dropped within the city itself, although one fire was reported on the outskirts.

Later, some "bombphlets" were picked up. These called on the Finns to join their "Russian friends."

A correspondent reports that 42 civilian centres were bombed by the Soviets during Christmas. An official Finnish statement says that in many cases the aeroplanes flew low enough to machine-gun civilians. The Soviets lost 23 machines.

One of the other main targets for the Soviet airmen is Viborg, which is only about 20 miles behind the Mannerheim Line. Viborg has not only been bombed from the air, but Soviet artillery is still shelling the town from a range of over 25 miles. — Reuter.

DISASTER ON ICE

London, To-day.

The Russians employed new tactics in an attempt to get across one large lake. Taking advantage of the fact that it was frozen over, they sent large bodies of troops across the ice.

The advance was mowed down by the Finnish artillery, which had a clear field of fire. Many of the troops perished in the huge holes torn in the ice by the falling shells. — Reuter.

HAZARDS OF R.A.F. ROUTINE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE HAZARDS OF ROUTINE RECONNAISSANCE WHICH FALLS TO THE LOT OF THE R.A.F. ARE ILLUSTRATED IN THE STORY OF HOW AN AIRCRAFT DAMAGED RECENTLY FAR FROM ITS BASE BY ENEMY ATTACK NEVERTHELESS REACHED HOME AND MADE A SAFE LANDING.

Its undercarriage and wing flaps were put out of action by enemy anti-aircraft fire during a reconnaissance flight over the coast of north-west Germany.

None of the crew was wounded, and the aircraft was able to return safely over the North Sea.

Landing, however, presented great difficulty owing to the danger it involved both to the crew and possibly also to civilian lives and property.

The Pilot Officer solved the problem successfully.

He ordered the rest of the crew to decend by parachute and, after assuring himself of their safety, succeeded in landing the aircraft without any further damage. — British Wireless.

LORD MAYOR'S RED CROSS FUND

London, To-day.

During the Christmas holidays the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund increased by £3,000, to £899,000.—British Wireless.

ATTACK ON SMUGGLING BY JAPANESE

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO HALT THE SMUGGLING OF GOODS INTO "FREE CHINA" FROM THE OCCUPIED AREAS, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL INSPECTION OFFICES TO KEEP A CAREFUL CHECK ON ALL GOODS ENTERING THE WAR AREA.

During the past year large amounts of Japanese goods are said to have been smuggled into Free China, particularly through Hankow via Ichang.

It is alleged that the Japanese authorities are giving facilities to smugglers for the transit of goods up river from Hankow for trans-shipment into Szechuen province.

Large-scale smuggling is said to be depriving the Chinese Government of considerable revenue, and is enabling the Japanese to push the sale of their goods in China. — Reuter.

STONE AGE MAN FOUND IN DUMBARTON

Edinburgh, To-day.

An archaeological discovery of importance was made by Scottish workmen excavating in Dumbartonshire yesterday.

They unearthed a stone coffin containing the skeleton of a man.

An examination of the skull and bones shows the man to have been a Stone Age man, and he must be at least 4,000 years old.—Reuter.

MORE AID FOR FINLAND

London, To-day.

More help for Finland is now being sent.

A Danish ambulance unit of 130 beds arrived on the central Finnish front yesterday, while the Swiss Federal Council has sent 100,000 Swiss francs.

The wife of the Finnish Minister to Britain announces that an appeal for comforts for Finnish soldiers has met with a wonderful response. — Reuter.

Rev. Brother Grimshaw, of the St. Louis' Industrial School, West Point, has reported that the school was entered and money and property to the value of $124 stolen during Tuesday night.

MASTERLY TACTICS BY FIELD-MARSHAL MANNERHEIM

London, To-day.

THE PLUCKY AND determined resistance which the Finns are making to the invasion by the numerically superior forces of Soviet Russia, and the success which appears to have attended their counter-attack against such odds, have evoked enthusiastic admiration among the British public.

Commenting on the laconic but significant claim in the Finnish official communique regarding operations in the Lieksa sector, that "operations have moved to the other side of the frontier," the "Evening Standard" says Finland "has taught the invader that behind forest and ice stand freemen ready to defend their independence."

Military correspondents in the newspapers pay a tribute to the skilful tactics of the Finnish High Command.

Courage and the difficulties of the ground, it is said, cannot alone explain the Finnish resistance.

The tactics during the past ten days —with their carefully planned retreats on the Petsamo and Sallo fronts followed and redeemed by sudden counter-attacks on the Soviet flanks— are considered by experts as bearing the unmistakable imprint in conception and execution of Field-Marshal Mannerheim, who is once again proving himself an outstanding general.

COHERENT WHOLE

It is observed that the Finnish forces are acting as a coherent whole operating to a set plan.

The Russians have not taken them by surprise at any point.

Each Russian thrust has been anticipated and countered along the whole 700-mile front.

While military critics here stress the importance of the successes achieved by the Finnish arms in adverse circumstances and against almost overwhelming odds, it is not overlooked that the chief problem the Finnish Government has to solve if the Finnish generals are to maintain resistance is one of supply, and as several commentators remark, it is a problem it is not in the power of the Finnish Government to solve unaided. —British Wireless.

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COMMAND OF THE AIR

Decisive action by air power has not yet been attempted by the enemy or the Allies. Though we have had none of those mass attacks of bombers by threats of which, both before and after the outbreak of war, the Hitler regime has continually tried to make our flesh creep, German activity in the air has been steadily increasing. The record is full of encouragement for us. German airmen sent on raids and reconnaissances must be convinced of the justice of Sir Kingsley Wood's claim that they have proved the unity and flexible efficiency of the many elements in our defence system—fighter squadrons, anti-aircraft guns, balloon barrages and the rest.

Before the war we were often told that our sea power would be endangered by the new air weapon. So far the very converse has proved true. Squadrons of the Air Force have actually extended the Navy's command of the sea by coastal patrols throwing defensive screens over merchant shipping in the narrow seas and the ocean approaches, by destroying enemy aircraft and by giving effectual reinforcement to the campaign against submarines. Fifty-seven attacks from the air on U-boats, a third of them at least inflicting substantial damage, must have added much to the hazards and the strain of the crews in that unholy service. Another form of co-operation with the Navy is shown when we hear for the first time that the British submarine which, damaged by heavy weather, had to put into a Norwegian port for repairs was escorted there and home again by our aircraft. On the way they beat off a flight of German 'planes and shot one down. The gallant attack on German warships at Heligoland, scoring direct hits with heavy bombs, gives one more example of the effective linking of air power with sea power.—"Daily Telegraph."

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THE BATTLE

It reminds us that the present conflict, perhaps in a unique degree, is ultimately not material but spiritual, that the clash is, in the last resort, not between armies or governments but between irreconcilable creeds . . . If we set ourselves to destroy what is wrong in the sight of man, this is only that we may defend what is right in the sight of God. With infinite reluctance we have faced the detestable horrors of war because in no other way, as it seemed, . . . could we save for mankind. His gifts of freedom, happiness, and spiritual life. When bloodstained paganism menaces Europe, people of all faiths, Christian or otherwise, who believe in God, are ready for any sacrifice, knowing that what they fight for is not the mere fabric of civilisation but its spirit and its soul.

This can be said with no trace of self-righteousness. Some religious teachers are at the moment so afraid of this fault that they impute the war in part to our national or individual sins. Our collective and separate shortcomings are real enough, yet it was not these which at least broke down our persistent and repeated efforts for peace. We entered on war only when to take any other course would have been to betray not merely human freedom but the laws of God. Aware of this, we can the better pray for the speedy coming of a real peace, not for the sake of a return to security and comfort, but because the gaining of such a peace alone justifies the loathsome necessity of war.—"The Times."

"BENES NE SPI"

The heroes of national liberation, hastily dethroned last year, are being restored in the people's hearts with increased glories. Benes, formerly flooded with abuse as the man whose allegedly uncompromising policy led the nation into disaster, is becoming an almost legendary figure. His name is being whispered from mouth to mouth: "He is working for our liberation; he mobilised the world to release us from the Hapsburgs twenty years ago, he'll release us from Hitler, too." "Benes ne spi"—Benes does not sleep—has come to be the general watchword in towns and villages throughout Czecho-Slovakia.—Johann Hirsch.

OVERSEAS TROOPS

It might be asked why, if so many men are being discouraged from joining the British Army by being told the that "there is no need for men at present," should forces be brought from overseas? The military answer to this is simple. The British conscription Act makes all men between the ages of 18 and 41 liable for service within Britain or abroad. Deliberately refusing to use the youngest classes thus made available to it, the British Government issued a proclamation on October 1 calling up all men between the ages of 20 and 22. They were to be summoned in batches, and were to be supplemented by volunteers from the older age-groups. At the time of the proclamation it was officially stated that men would continue to be called upon as soon as training facilities could be provided. The Government was limited by the number of instructors. It had no intention of being swamped by huge numbers of men and of sending them out to fight in a technical war while still imperfectly trained.

In "total war" the whole nation is affected, and Britain at present has 10,000,000 enrolled in fighting or auxiliary services. Thus it will be readily seen why, if she is called upon to raise large numbers of divisions for land warfare in Europe next spring, military considerations would lead her to welcome Dominion participation.

The enemy has a superiority in the air, and we are preparing to overcome it with our Empire training scheme. Sir Henry Gullett has declared that Germany also possesses a superiority on land; and the question now in front of us is whether we can fairly expect France to make up the deficiency, and the military effort of the British Empire to be limited to the men of Britain alone. — "Sydney Morning Herald."

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CRUMBS ON THE YANGTSE

The Japanese promise to open the Yangtze river to third-power commerce means much or relatively little, depending on whether the opening of the gates is done in such a way as to give the impression that the third-power interests are to be admitted on sufferance or because of basic rights. The circumstances of the promise of the readmission of American and other third-power trade on the great China water highway, a promise made by the Japanese foreign minister to the American ambassador, are such as to give reason to believe that Japan is coming around to the position to admitting—as gracefully as possible —that she cannot, at least at present, exercise absolute control over China and China trade. But there are so many possible qualifications of admission and so many degrees of control that it is well not to jump at sweeping conclusions.

The promise to open the Yangtze, and possibly later the Pearl River in South China, represents a victory for the United States in the session of diplomatic conferences occasioned by the approach of the date for formal termination of the American-Japanese treaty of navigation and commerce. However, it is merely a qualified or conditional victory in a preliminary skirmish.

Just what Admiral-Minister Nomura told Ambassador Grew is not known, most probably will remain a dilopmatic secret. However, that which was announced is decidedly encouraging for this stage of the preliminary negotiations, a favourable indicator.—"Manila Bulletin."

MILITARY SHOW PUT ON FOR HITLER BREAKS DOWN

Paris, To-day.

THE FAILURE OF WHAT might have been a little military show for Hitler's personal benefit was the only incident marring the complete calm at the front yesterday.

The official German news agency reported that Hitler was present in the front line south of Saarbruecken.

Approximately at the spot where Hitler was supposed to be the Germans sent over a raiding party.

If Hitler had really been there he must have heard the rattle of machineguns and the explosion of grenades.

The raid ended with the Germans falling back to their own lines, leaving an officer and two N.C.O.'s dead on the field. — Reuter.

NEW NAZI BLOCKADE DODGE.

Geneva, To-day.

Several leading Swiss newspapers yesterday published the advertisement of a Berlin company offering to sell various German patents to powerful enterprises.

Industrial and financial quarters in Switzerland are wondering whether there may not be concealed behind this offer a German project for meeting the Allied blockade of German exports by introducing the manufacture of patented industrial products in neutral countries, so that such products may be exported as neutral goods.

It is furthermore suggested that the Germans may hope to obtain in neutral countries certain raw materials necessary for the manufacture of patented goods, as such raw materials are no longer available in Germany.—Reuter.

SPECIAL AID IN WAR OF DOMINIONS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A "TIMES" LEADER, COMMENTING ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST UNITS OF THE AUSTRALIAN FORCES POINTS OUT THAT THIS, FOLLOWING SO SOON ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT, YET FURTHER UNDERLINES THE UNITY OF THE BRITISH FAMILY OF NATIONS.

It says those Germans not completely hypnotised by Goebbels will see this as the writing on the wall and an exposure of the two false assumptions on which Germany began the war, namely, that the Western Democracies were too decadent to defend themselves, and that the British Empire is in an advanced state of disintegration and would fall to pieces in the face of the demand for a common sacrifice.

The journal further comments that the Dominions, while taking their share of the burden on land and sea, have clearly visualised the special aid which they can give in the air, and it seems likely that in this war the air forces will be to the Dominions what the army is to France and the navy to Britain.—British Wireless.

TROOPS SURROUND DUBLIN

Dublin, To-day.

Dublin was surrounded by a military cordon yesterday morning, as the result of the theft of a large quantity of ammunition from a magazine in Queen's Park.

Soldiers patrolled the streets and all vehicles were searched.

Four men were arrested immediately the theft occurred and so far about a quarter of a ton of the stolen ammunition has been recovered.—Reuter.

COMIC ARMY IN TERIJOKI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Arrivals from Tallin have an amusing story to tell of the puppet government set up by the Soviet at Terijoki, which calls itself the "Finnish People's Government" although it has few people to govern.

The puppet government has now got its own toy army.

Unfortunately, the "army" has no uniforms of its own, and the Soviets are too busy fighting the Finns to be able to provide them with any.

A museum was accordingly ransacked, and the toy army is now fitted out with military costumes of the early 18th century.

The costumes are worn exactly as they were 200 years ago, with one exception. In the middle of each cocked hat now appears the Red Star! — Reuter.

NEW "SERENITY" UNDER CONSTRUCTION

London, To-day.

The owners of the British ship Serenity, sunk in the North Sea by enemy action, have decided to give the same name to a new motor vessel now under construction for them in a shipyard in south-east England. —British Wireless.

SWISS GIFT TO FINNISH RED CROSS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The Federal Council has decided to send a gift of 100,000 francs to the Finnish Red Cross.—Havas.

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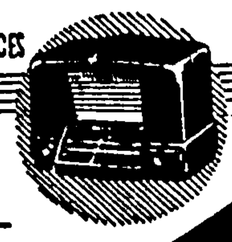

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"HITLER SPEAKS" **By Dr. Rauschning**

GET RICH QUICK BEHEST

"Don't marry till I am in power," Hitler used to advice his lieutenants, the Gauleiter, the Reich leaders and others who looked upon their posts as secure and permanent jobs, and expressed a wish to live prosperous, comfortable lives.

"Occupy positions," was Hitler's slogan as soon as he came to power. To seize everything available in the way of jobs was the rule everywhere.

"We are no spoil-sports. Fires need fuel," was the whisper going round the corridors outside Hitler's offices. "Building up one's own position," was the motto of the first few months after the seizure of power.

"I give my men every freedom," Hitler said, in the course of a dinner-table conversation. "Do anything you like, but don't be caught at it!"

It was Hitler himself who egged on his men quite intentionally to make the most of their opportunities. They needed no second bidding. It was then that I heard the curious expression: "planned corruption."

The Fuehrer himself, however, waived his claims to the Chancellor's salary, thus setting a good example. He could well afford to do so. Overnight he had become the richest publisher in the world, worth millions, and the most widely read author—read under compulsion. He could afford to complain about Goering's excesses and extravagance. He complained demonstratively, thereby reassuring opinion in certain quarters. Hitler was "most unhappy" about Goering's recent development, Forster told me at that time. "We must keep strictly to our promise that there should be no salaries over a thousand marks a month." It was all very well for Forster to talk. He had five separate posts. His income amounted to about a dozen times the stipulated sum. Eventually he became the owner of extensive house property in Danzig. Two years earlier he had arrived in Danzig with an empty cigar-box.

Matters were no different in Berlin. A newly appointed secretary of state had his apartments furnished at the State's expense for ninety thousand marks, as the department concerned in the Reich Finance Ministry complained to me. Goering had gold tiles laid in the bathroom of one of his many official apartments. Hitler ordered the complainants to pay to the recently appointed **Reichstathalter** (Reich Lieutenant-Governors) salaries hitherto unheard-of in the German hierarchy. They paid. And the ordinary citizen, when he saw the parade of super-luxurious cars outside the public buildings, whispered: "The new bosses are going up fast."

Hitler expressed his views on this state of things with his usual candour. He was being reproached, he said angrily in his guttural voice, for having instituted unwarrantable prosecutions for corruption against the former rulers and their accomplices, while his own men were filling their pockets.

"I have answered the fools who venture to use such language to me," he said. "I have asked them to tell me how I could otherwise meet the justified desires of my party comrades for some recompense for their years of inhuman struggle. I have asked them whether they would prefer me to let my S.A. men loose to loot in the streets. I could still do this, I said. I had no objections. And it would be more wholesome for the people to endure a really bloody revolution for some weeks. I had refrained only out of consideration for them and their **bourgeois** love of comfort. But I could easily make up for it! They very quickly ceased making their foolish reproaches!" Hitler laughed.

"Are we to pull their cart out of the mud, only to be sent home with empty hands? They would like that, wouldn't they? How can I hold the power unless I have every post occupied by my men? They ought to be glad we don't shoot them, as they do in Russia!"

The teachings of Hitler had a prompt effect. The road to destruction was paved, not with good, but with thoroughly evil intentions. There spread through the party a cynicism which only shortly before would have been inconceivable. There were two things everyone in the party, big or small, strove for: apart from the collection of loot and the enjoyment of unrestrained licence, immunity for the past and security for the future. The universal aim was to have a share in everything, to take no risks, to keep one's head above water, and above all not to sink down again into the anonymous, powerless mass. The lobbies were all crowded with job-hunters. Quite openly they made their demands. "The Fuehrer said so," they would announce naively. "All the old fighters are to have jobs and bread. We haven't fought to go empty-handed."

Someone asked me for the post of councillor of state. He was not interested in the post itself or the salary, but the pension. He wanted security for all time. What sorry fighters they were.' Wretched little **petits bourgeois** whose fear of the future flickered in their eyes!

"I won't get down again!" one of them screamed at me angrily. "Perhaps you can wait. You're not sitting on a bed of glowing coals! No job, man, no job! If I have to go through that again, I'll turn to crime. I'll stay on top no matter what it costs me. We can't get on top twice running!"

Small men and criminals—these were the "old guard" of Hitler. They were all trying to consolidate their positions, and they were all able to refer to the Fuehrer. No one, up to those in the highest posts, quite trusted the peace. No one believed much in the millenium of the National Socialist era. An eminent bank president admitted to me openly that having risked his skin once in a world war, he had no intention of doing so again, or, indeed, of risking anything. He would do as all the others did. He would not expose himself. He had no desire to make personal sacrifices.

Never before has there been such corruption, such lack of stamina in Germany!

Hitler distrusts everyone who tries to explain political economy to him. He believes that the intention is to dupe him, and he makes no secret of

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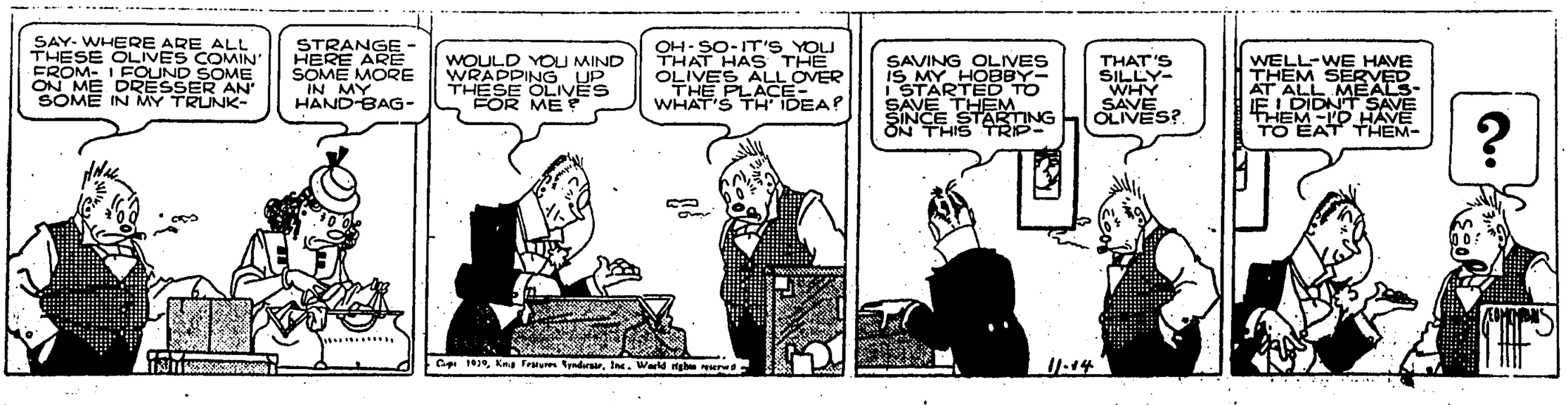
Bringing Up Father **By George McManus**



WEDDING AT ST. PAUL'S

THE WEDDING TOOK PLACE THIS AFTERNOON AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, OF DR. H. H. TAI, ELDEST SON OF MR. AND MRS. T. K. TAI, AND MISS RUTH YUE FUNG U, ELDEST DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. U SZ WING.

Mr. U. Sz Wing, the compradore of Dodwell's, gave the bride away, while Miss Mabel U, Miss Kwan Chau U (bridesmaids) Miss Wing Yau U (flower-girl), and Master Titus Cheung (page) were in attendance.

A reception was afterwards held at the Gloucester Hotel.

The bridegroom is a Health Officer in the Government Medical Department. The bride is a graduate of Lingnan University.

BEEFSTEAK HIDDEN AMONG MEAT BONES

At Kowloon this morning, Li Kam, 18, Dairy Farm delivery coolie, was charged with stealing half a pound of beefsteak.

Li Kam was seen leaving, carrying a bag, by Mr. W. Abbas, Farm Inspector. The beefsteak was concealed among bones in the bag.

A remand was ordered.

"HITLER SPEAKS"

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his contempt for this branch of science. He does not understand it, but he feels that an essentially simple matter has been made needlessly complex. He is convinced that labour, money and capital are related in a manner to be asscertained by practice alone; if the speculators and Jews are excluded, then a sort of economic perpetuum mobile remains. Ultimately the thing to do was to make people believe in you, whether by suggestion or by force.

"For pity's sake," an officer of the ministry advised me as I was on my way to see Hitler, "don't suggest devaluation or any complicated investigation into the means of creating employment."

I found Hitler impatient and hostile. He had been informed of my business with him. Already at that early period, he disliked hearing anything not calculated to strengthen his own convictions.

I attempted to explain to him the method of meeting the balance of payment of the Danzig state. Hitler broke into my remarks angrily.

"Details don't interest me. Don't make absurd difficulties for Forster. If he wants to build, then in heaven's name, find the money. It must be found. Understand?"

Then his tone became friendlier. "Why do you make things so difficult for yourself?" he asked. "You stumble over threads. Where should we be if we had formal scruples? I simply disregard these things. I am prepared to commit perjury half-a-dozen times a day! What difference would it make? Don't falter over trifles! Follow my example!"

He sensed my inner resistance, and became very friendly.

"What choice have we? I walk a dizzy path. Shall I be hold back by paper rules? Do you imagine you can't take on your conscience what I can take on mine? Do you consider yourself better than me?

Lammers entered the room. Hitler had again talked far beyond the allotted time. I was dismissed. Outside in the great lobby, acquaintances were waiting, among them Count Schwerin-Krosigk, the Finance Minister. He knew my troubles. The subject had not yet been exhausted by this interview with Hitler. A year later it was to be a contributing cause of my resignation.

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(FINAL INSTALMENT TO-MORROW: "EAGLE'S EYRIE")

DEATH OF MR. M. A. DE FIGUEIREDO

THE DEATH OCCURRED THIS MORNING AT HIS RESIDENCE, 65, WATERLOO ROAD, OF MR. MANUEL AUGUSTO DE FIGUEIREDO, AFTER A PROLONGED ILLNESS.

The late Mr. Figueiredo, who was 63 years of age, was with Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company in Canton and Hong Kong for some years and then joined the Green Island Cement Company, in which he held a prominent position for many years.

The flag of the Club Lusitano, of which he was a well-known member, was flown at half-mast to-day as a mark of esteem.

Mr. Figueiredo is survived by a widow, son, daughter-in-law, and grand-daughter.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

EUROPEAN FINED

At the instance of Sanitary Inspector H. F. Old, Mr. C. L. Crampton, of No. 2, Cumberland Road, was this morning summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen for overtaking on a bend in Castle Peak Road and for driving without a valid licence.

Mr. Crampton, who pleaded guilty by letter, was fined $20.

A fine of $10 was imposed on Mrs. S. Marshall, of No. 11, Tak Shing Street, for driving at 40 m.p.h. in a "built-up" area.

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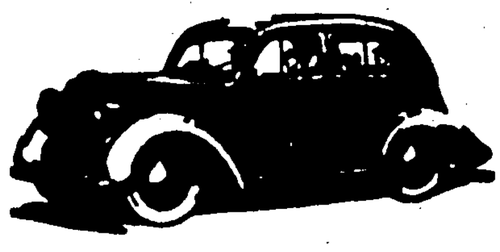

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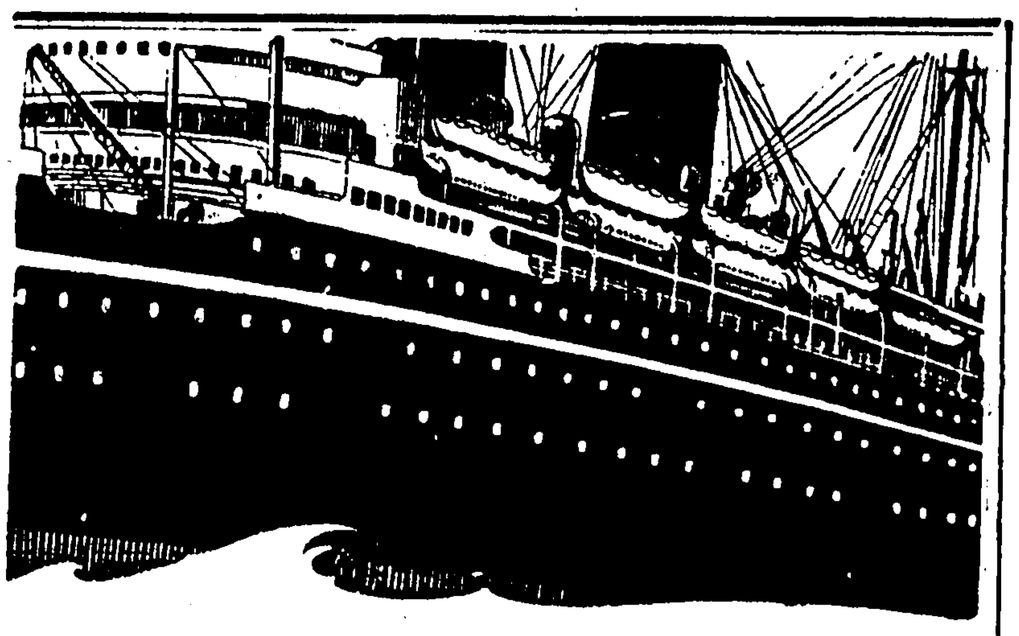

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Shanghai and Amoy	December 28.
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Shanghai	December 29.
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Japan and Shanghai	December 30.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane	December 30.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 23rd December	December 31.
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Straits and Saigon	December 31.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	December 31.
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Straits	January 1.
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U.S.A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 9th December, 1939)	January 3.
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Amoy		Dec. 28, 7.00 p.m.
	FRIDAY	
Parcels only for Haiphong		Dec. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok		Dec. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamaua and Tulagi		Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 4th January.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Dec. 28, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 28, 5.30 p.m.
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	Reg.,	Dec. 28, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 29, 7.30 a.m.
Japan		Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin		Dec. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan		Dec. 29, 1.30 p.m.
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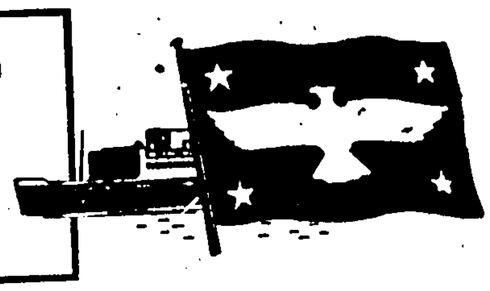

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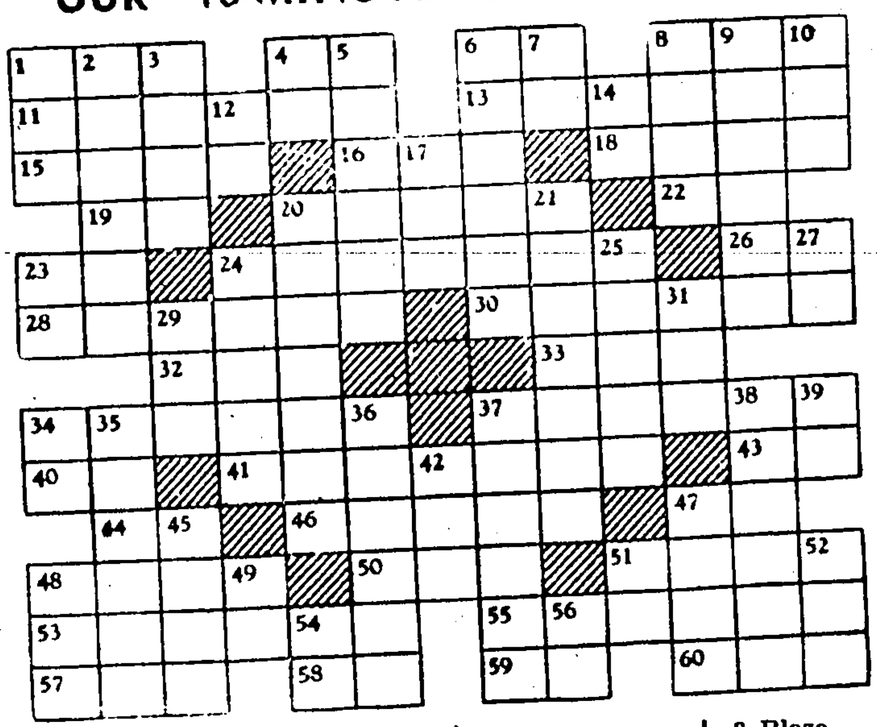

HORIZONTAL
1 Bulgarian coin
4 Whether
6 Depart
8 Fancy
11 Armpit
13 Realm
15 Corn cake
16 Humans
18 Host
19 Preposition
20 Jewish leader
22 Babylonian god
23 Sloth
24 Tilted
26 To perform
28 Flouts
30 Arranged in row
32 Skill
33 Container
34 Words (law)
37 Clips
40 Preposition
41 Answered
43 Exclamation
44 Pronoun
46 Condemns
47 Pronoun
48 River of Asia
50 Gypsy man
51 Title
53 To exhibit
55 Called forth
57 Large deer
58 Plural ending
59 Concerning
60 Prior to

VERTICAL
1 To fold
2 Extraneous
3 Italian: wine
4 Italian article
5 Noted
6 Old world carnivores
7 Sacred word
8 Blaze
9 Old Spanish fleet
10 Algerian ruler
12 French article
14 Parent
17 Worm
20 Spotted
21 Saturates
23 While
24 Talesman
25 Desiccated
27 Symbol for oleum
29 Scull
31 Girl's name
34 Greek letter
35 Beast
36 Seedlets
37 To boil gently
38 Poet
39 On that account
42 Card game
45 Ottoman
47 To create
48 Simian
49 Ancestor of Pharaohs
51 Negative
52 Holland commune
54 Prefix: away
56 Brother of Odin

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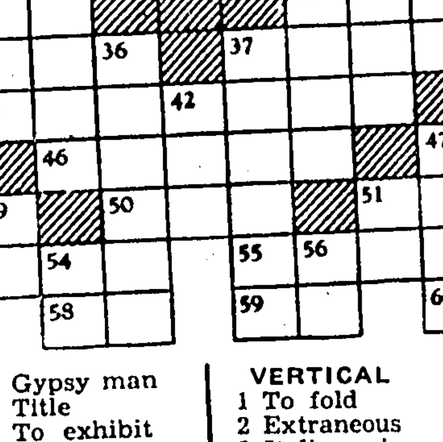

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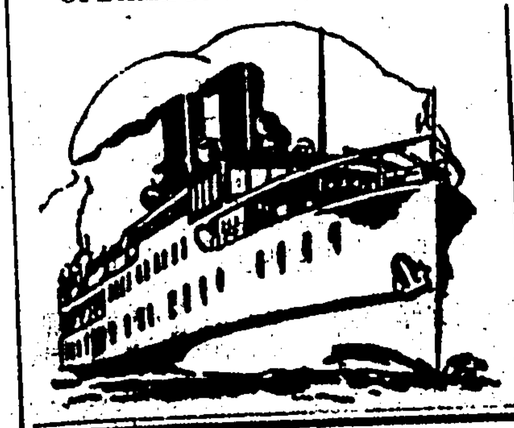

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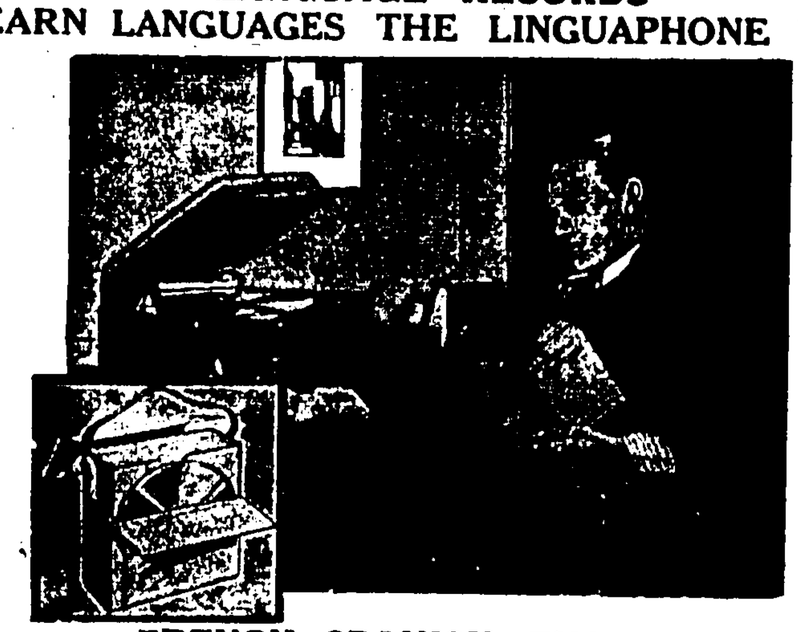

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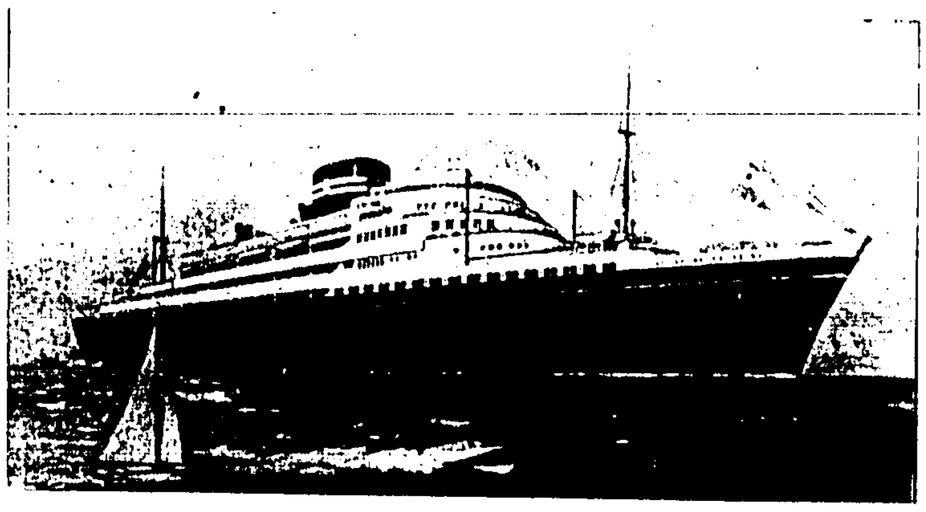

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Berlin, To-day.

Dr. Joseph Goebbels has now explained why the British aircraft carrier Ark Royal is still afloat.

In a broadcast on Tuesday night, the German shortwave station announced that Germany had never claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal!

She merely asked where the aircraft carrier was!

The Nazis, said the announcer, never give out information which is not true. They therefore could not have claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal.

Unfortunately for Dr. Goebbels, listeners all over the world have heard the contrary.

In one typical broadcast from Zeesen, it was said:—"It is clearly established that the Ark Royal was destroyed."

This same broadcast described the Ark Royal as "like a gigantic torch lighting up the sea," and said that when dawn broke the next day, the Ark Royal had disappeared, leaving only a huge pall of smoke to mark the spot where she had once been.—Reuter.

COLONIAL LEGAL POSTS

London, To-day.

It is announced by the Colonial Office that the King has approved the appointment of Mr. J. L. Devaux, Attorney-General, Trinidad, to be Chief Judge, Mauritius, on the retirement of Sir G. E. Nairac.

It is also announced that the King has approved the appointment of Mr. George Graham Paul, Puisne Judge, Nigeria, to be Chief Justice of Sierra Leone, succeeding Mr. A. H. Webb, recently appointed Chief Justice, Tanganyika.—British Wireless.

Y.M.C.A. AND B.E.F.

London, To-day.

The Y.M.C.A. expects to have spent £500,000 before the end of February on the establishment and equipment of Red Triangle centres for the B.E.F. in France.

The centres, the first of which has recently been opened in one of the great ports, will be at bases on lines of communications and in forward areas, and the initiative has the approval of the Army Council and Lord Gort. — British Wireless.

JOB IN POSEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bern, To-day.

With a mission "to remove the stain of cubist and Semitic art with which the Poles spoiled the essentially German city of Posen," Herr Speer, noted German architect and urbanist, who was formerly in charge of the Berlin embellishment programme, has left for Poland, says the Berlin correspondent of "Der Bund".

The correspondent simultaneously reveals that all building activity has been suspended in Berlin on account of lack of labour.—Havas.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

London silver was quoted yesterday at 22-1/2 for spot and 22-11/16 for forward.

The New York on London rate was quoted at £—U.S.$3.94-7/8.

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CHINA'S BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS

Chungking, To-day.

Customs returns for the first nine months of 1939, both for Free China and the occupied areas, are published in the Bank of China's financial review.

According to these statistics the Customs in Free China registered a favourable international balance of $33,645,000, while the figures for the occupied areas, including the districts of Shanghai and Kowloon, show an unfavourable foreign balance of $405,115,000.

The adverse balance of international payments in the Customs under Japanese occupation amounted to $269,173,000, while that in Shanghai and Kowloon, "which suffered more or less from Japanese interference," are estimated at $155,942,000.

Chungking shows an adverse balance of $1,533,000, while Pakhoi and Mengtze both record favourable balances of over $13,000,000.

Wenchow has a favourable balance of over $8,000,000, while Tientsin shows an adverse balance of nearly $200,000,000, "owing to large imports of Japanese goods into North China."

Kiaochow, Chinwangtao and Chefoo show adverse balances of $45,000,000, $13,000,000 and $12,500,000 respectively.

(All amounts are in Chinese national currency).—Reuter.

COLD CLAIMS MANY SHANGHAI VICTIMS

Shanghai, To-day.

Very cold weather has been experienced this Christmas season. During the last few days, scores of bodies have been picked up in the streets, most of the victims being of the coolie class. — Our Own Correspondent.

KING VISITS BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE.—Photo shows His Majesty about to drive away from the quayside in a camouflaged car. With him is Lord Gort. (Copyright, Fox).

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ORPHANS

London, To-day.

Many British children benefitted at Christmas by the generous action of the wives of French seamen.

The children were those of British naval men who have lost their lives in the present war, and each child received from four to five toys, which were sent in 12 large crates.

A similar gift was made by a member of the family of the Sultan of Zanzibar, who is an Honorary Captain in the R.N.V.R.

These two generous actions have been much appreciated by the Royal Navy, as well as by the children themselves. — Reuter.

LINERS TO GO ON TO F.M.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

A plan to extend regular route of the intercoastal steamers of the Panama Pacific Line to Singapore and other Far Eastern ports is being discussed in San Francisco by officials of the Panama Pacific and the American President Lines, according to a report published by the "New York Times."

Under the plan, four of the six Panama Pacific vessels would add a round-trip of the Pacific to their intercoastal run. They would operate in conjunction with the President liners now in service sailing from New York through the Panama Canal to California ports, Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore and Penang.—Havas.

MEXICAN OIL LAWS

MEXICO CITY, TO-DAY.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED A LAW DRAFTED BY PRESIDENT CARDENAS WHICH EXCLUDES PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, EXCEPTING MEXICANS WITH CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS, FROM EXPLOITING OIL.

The law also abolishes the oil royalties hitherto paid to landowners, but provides for compensation for damage caused to property through oil working.

Mexicans excepted under the law must be financially, technically, morally and physically capable of carrying out the work of exploitation. —Reuter.

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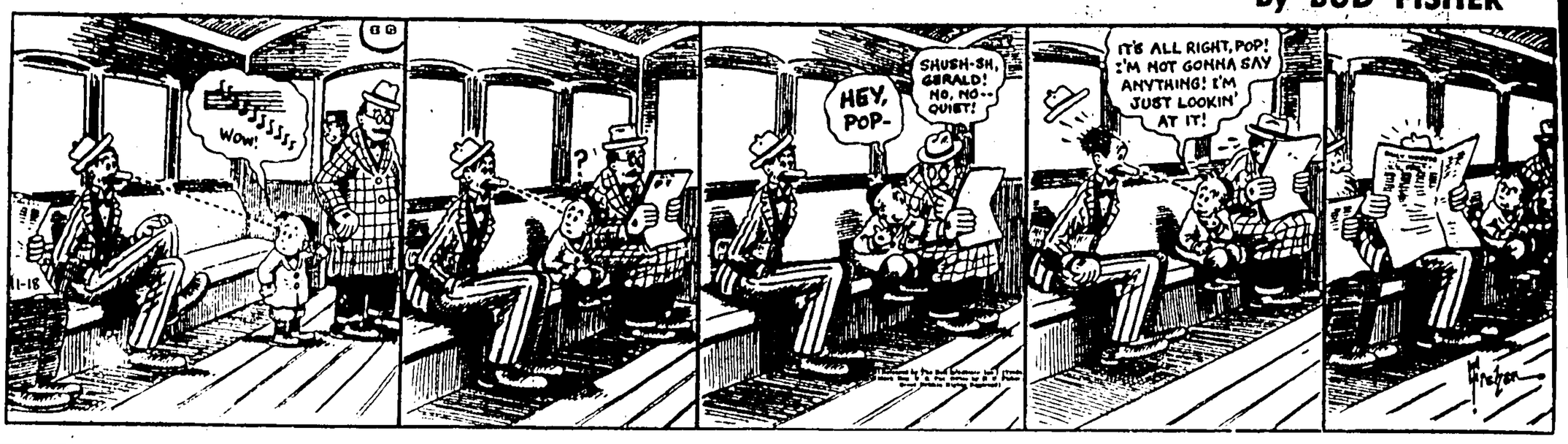
By BUD FISHER



To-day's Wireless

Dvorak's "New World" Symphony

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5.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Children's Hour.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—The Hill Billies.
Ther's Gold In Dem Thar Hills (Connor & Lisbona).
Headin' Home (film 'Here Comes the Band').
Take Ma Boots Off When Ah Dies (Carr).
Ole Faithful (Carr).

7.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — "The Butterfly that Stamped". One of Kipling's "Just-So" Stories. Produced by Maurice Brown.

7.30 p.m. — LONDON RELAY — The News.

7.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Talk by Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, "Campaign against Tuberculosis".

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. — MOSZKOWSKI — From Foreign Lands—Suite. Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Clemens Schmalstich.

8.15 p.m.—STUDIO — Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.
1. (a) Il Sogno ("Manon"—Massenet); (b) Addio Mignon ("Mignon"—Thomas); (c) Che Gelida Manina ("La Boheme"—Puccini).
2. (a) Ammore Canta (Tagliaferri); (b) Il Pescatore Canto (Tosti); (c) Luna d'estate (Tosti).

8.45 p.m. — STUDIO — "News Notes from Home"—A talk.

9.05 p.m. — Reginald Foort at the Organ.
Palace Theatre Medley. Intro: She didn't say "yes" (Cat and the Fiddle); Night and Day (A Gay Divorce); You're the cream in my coffee (Hold everything); Anything Goes (from same); Blue Room (The Girl Friend); Tea for Two (No, No, Nanette)....Reginald Foort (Organ).
Seville ('Cities of Romance'—Haydn Wood); Lulworth Cove (Shadwell)....Reginald Foort (Organ) and B.B.C. Variety Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News Summary.

9.25 p.m.—DVORAK — Symphony No. 5 In E Minor, Op. 95 ("The New World"). The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Donald.

10.04 p.m.—SONGS by Nan Maryska (Soprano).
Standchen (Serenade) (R. Strauss).
Morgen (To-morrow) (R. Strauss).
....with piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

10.14 p.m.—VIOLIN SOLOS by Yehudi Menuhin.
Caprice In G Minor, Op. 1, No. 6 (Paganini-Enesco).
Songs My Mother Taught Me (Dvorak-Persinger).
La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (Debussy-Hartmann).
Allegro (Fiocco).
La Capricciosa (Ries).
....with Piano accompaniment.

10.30 p.m.—Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) in a Light Orchestral Concert.
Tango Habanera (Payan, arr. Hartley); Obstination (Fontenailles, arr. Cook)....Alfredo Campoli & His Orchestra.
Without A Song (film 'The Prodigal'); Life Is A Dream (film 'The Prodigal') .... Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra.
The Juggler (Groitzsch); March Of The Caucasian Chief (from 'Caucasian Sketches'—Ippolitov-Ivanov)....Joseph Muscant & His Concert Orchestra.
Wanting You (film 'New Moon'); Lover, Come Back To Me (film 'New Moon')....Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Piano.
Valse Blue (Margis); Tesoro Mio—Waltz (Becucci)..... Orchestra Mascotte.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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There are only two reasons why a player should ever take out his partner's business double. The first is fear that the opponent may made his contract. The second reason is that the penalty obtained will be insufficient reward as compared with the game that he expects to make. When the latter reason is the case, the player should be absolutely sure that he will be able to make his own contract. For example:

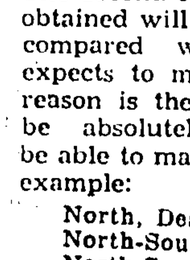
North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
North-South 40 on score

	♠ A J 10 4 ♡ A K 9 6 2 ◇ J 10 5 ♣ 8	
♠ Q 9 8 6 5 2 ♡ 7 3 ◇ 4 ♣ A 10 7 6	N W E S	♠ 7 ♡ Q J 10 8 5 ◇ A K 8 6 3 ♣ 4 2
	♠ K 8 ♡ 4 ◇ Q 9 7 3 ♣ K Q J 9 8 5	

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♡	Pass	2♣	2♠
Dbl.	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

While South knew his opponent could not make two spades, he thought he would be able to make three clubs, which would give him game and rubber.



West opened a spade. Declarer played the ten from dummy and promptly led a trump. Then the fireworks started! West, after winning with the trump Ace, played his singleton diamond. East now cashed his Ace-King of diamonds and gave his partner a ruff. West then led the second spade. East ruffed, then played a fourth diamond, which West trumped.

In addition to the two tricks he was set, South had passed up the nice penalty he would have received if he had left his partner in the double. But, worst of all, South have made his own contract. After winning the first trick, he should have played the Ace and King of hearts and discarded the King of spades. This would have limited the defence to two diamonds and two trump tricks.

* * *

Yesterday you were the dealer and held:

♠ A K Q
♡ A Q 10
◇ A K 8
♣ A K 7 6

ANSWER: Your correct opening bid is two clubs. While your hand is of balanced type and you have no five-card suit, it is so strong in high cards that you can make a Slam if your partner has any long suit.

Score 100% for two clubs, 40% for three notrump (an underbid,) 20% for four notrump (crowds the bidding and may actually go down a trick.)

QUESTION NO. 294

To-day Howard Schenken is your partner and you hold:

♠ 10 x x
♡ x
◇ A x x x x
♣ K x x x

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♠	♦	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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WIN FOR MISS CRAWHALL WILSON

The following were the results of a sweepstake race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over a distance of 3.15 miles:

	Finished	Pts.
True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall Wilson).	16.21.57	1
Jean (Col. G. C. Gowland).	16.22.25.5	2
La Linda (Mrs. M. J. Johnstone).	16.24.55	3
Gull (A. O. G. Mills).	12.25.09	4
Kittiwake (E. G. M. Bremner).	16.29.08	5

ISMAIL WINS

S. A. Ismail (plus 25) beat A. Odell (plus 11) by 83 points, 506—423, in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday. The winner received 42 points in addition to his score of 157, 134 and 173. Odell scored 123, 150 and 150.

UNITED SERVICES SOCCER TEAM

The following have been selected to represent United Services in a soccer match against the rest of the Colony at 4 p.m. on Monday, at the Navy ground, in aid of the B.W.O.F.

Robinson (Navy), Hill (Service Corps), Sheehan (Middlesex); Freshwater (Middlesex), Layl (Navy), Wilkinson (Middlesex); Phippens (Navy), Thorburn (Navy), Hossack (Royal Scots), Saw (Middlesex), Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

Reserves: — Moxham (R.E.), Handy (Navy), Rides (R.A.O.C.), and Pearson (Middlesex).

TSANG CONVALESCING

Sammy Tsang, St. Joseph's goalkeeper, who sustained a gash on the head when he collided with an upright in the game against South China "A" on Saturday, has left hospital but will be out of football for another fortnight.

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CRICKET NOTES

A. R. Kitchell's Improvement

LEAVE FROM H.K.V.D.C. FOR SOCCER PLAYERS

Members of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps chosen to represent the Colony in the forthcoming Soccer Interport with Shanghai during the Chinese New Year Holidays, will be given leave of absence for that period the "China Mail" learns.

All probable players from civilian clubs are members of the Corps.

ARMY CRICKET

BIG SCORES BY MUNTON, BOOCOCK

An interesting cricket match was witnessed at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Royal Army Ordnance Corps held a Married v Singles cricket match; the latter won by 6 wickets.

Features of the afternoon were big innings by Boocock, for the Singles, and Cpl. Munton, for the Married.

Boocock hit 11 boundaries in his 4, while Munton included 14 fours and a six in his 85 retired.

Vaugniaux bowled effectively to take 3 for 16.

SINGLES

Boocock, c Aslett, b Vaugniaux	61
Jeffery, b Aslett	3
Emberson, b Buckle	8
Edleston, c Gardner, b Buckle	0
Lock, c Gardner, c Vaugniaux	12
Pitt, b Vaugniaux	8
Phillips, b Duffield	25
Leach, b Munton	4
Wadler, b MacPherson	1
Heaton, lbw., b Buckle	9
Tapply, not out	3
Extras (B1, LB4)	5
Total	139

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Buckle	8	0	44	3
Aslett	3	0	28	1
Duffield	3	0	13	1
Vaugniaux	3	0	16	3
Munton	4	0	14	1
MacPherson	3	0	19	1

MARRIED

Gardner, c Emberson, b Lock	9
Munton, retired	85
Vaugniaux, c and b Boocock	6
Meekings, lbw., b Boocock	0
Buckle, run out	13
Aslett, retired	18
Duffield, b Lock	4
Capt. Tracey, retired	14
Capt. MacPherson, retired	3
Ebbage, c Boocock, b Edleston	7
Wardle, not out	1
Extras (B17)	17
Total	177

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Boocock	8	0	48	2
Lock	5	0	49	2
Phillips	2	0	19	0
Emberson	2	0	26	0
Leach	2	0	12	0
Heaton	1	0	2	0
Edleston	2	0	4	1

Schools' Low Scores

In a friendly cricket match played yesterday Diocesan Boys' School beat La Salle College.

La Salle—18 (Burch 4 for 2, White 3 for 2).

D.B.S.—52 (Macauley 34; Arculli 5 for 16, D'Almada 5 for 29).

H.K.C.C. 2ND XI

Following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI against Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI on Saturday, at the KCC ground at 2.00 p.m.:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, R. D. Bishop, A. T. Dow J. Hackney, Brigadier T. Macleod, D. O. Parsons, E. S. St. J. Patterson, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker, T. M. Sutter.

DASHING INNINGS AGAINST K.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

THERE WAS COMPLETE domination of the bat over the ball at Sookunpoo on Saturday where Indian Recreation Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by the big margin of 7 wickets notwithstanding the fact that the latter club compiled no fewer than 161 runs.

While the bowling could not be described as good, real reason for the glut of runs I think, was the perfect wicket. I would now rate the I.R.C. ground as being possessed of the best wicket in the Colony, the K.C.C. ground not excluded.

There was little of note in the K.C.C. innings. After a good start by Mackay and Hung and some hard hitting by R. T. Broadbridge, T. A. Madar, who is in great form this season, batted very well for 20. By this time instructions had been issued to hit out or get out and the score was carried from about 130 to 161 between 3.40 and 3.55, the time decided upon by Anderson for declaring.

Anderson himself played too early in trying to sweep A. M. Rumjahn to leg and was held by Ismail behind the sticks, and Lloyd and Zimmern also got out through trying to force the pace. I have little doubt that the score could have been taken to 200 had a serious effort been made as Minu was definitely less dangerous than usual and A. H. Madar was not difficult to get away.

I was very impressed by the bowling of A. M. Rumjahn, who, although he did not turn the ball a great deal, kept a very good length and made some pace off the wicket. I feel that Minu might have made more use of him.

WENT FOR RUNS

I. R. C., who opened with veteran A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. Kitchell, went after the runs from the word "go". The former was morally bowled twice in Lee's first over, but, surviving, carried on to score with neat leg glances and an occasional straight drive.

A. R. Kitchell, although he was a little fortunate on occasions, played the finest innings of the match.

He has improved considerably and now has far more attacking shots than before. A favourite stroke of his is an on-drive right along the carpet but he used practically every other shot in the course of his 53.

A. H. Madar also batted well. He was never in trouble at any time although he had difficulty, as did Kitchell for that matter, in scoring off "Lofty" Lloyd when that bowler, in an effort to keep down the scoring, bowled to a cover-point, and a mid-off with all the remainder of the field on the leg.

I was not impressed by A. M. Rumjahn's batting, although he brought off the finest shot of the match — a perfectly-timed off-drive. Generally, however, he was inclined to stodginess and might well have prevented his team from winning by his lack of enterprise at a time when quick runs were needed.

HAZY MEMORIES!

With regard to the remainder of Saturday's matches, frankly I have been able to secure little information owing to the holidays and the fact that most of the people I spoke to appeared to find difficulty in remembering anything that happened as far back as Saturday!

At King's Park, J. Gosano, I am told, had matters pretty well as he liked against the Club bowlers, whom he flogged unmercifully. It was unfortunate that he did not have enough time to reach his century.

For Club only Haymes and T. A. Pearce ever looked particularly happy.

In view of the fine form with the bat shown recently by the Gosano family Recreio appear to be well on their way to a batting solidarity which was so lacking last year. If there is a League this year, I shall be surprised if they are not well in the running for Senior Division right through.

Civil Service had matters pretty much their own way against University, Perry and Whitley being in great form with the ball. K. S. Oh made 16 and a fine stand between J. Tsui and R. Singh for the last wicket improved what would have been a very sickly-looking score.

Richardson, Perry, McLellan and Barrow all made a few for Civil Service.

There was another high-scoring match at Chater Road, where Recreio Juniors drew with H. K. C. C. in a fairly even match.

At one time it rather appeared that Club would not make much of a score but E. J. R. Mitchell played a captain's innings of over 50 and C. W. E. Bishop and Capt. Lawrence added 73 in an unfinished seventh wicket stand.

Jackie Noronha, bowled cleverly to take four wicket but he proved rather expensive. Most of Recreio's runs were made by A. J. M. Prata and A. V. Gosano and most successful Club bowler was Bill Stoker.

BAD COLLAPSE

R. A. F. batsmen collapsed badly against C. S. C. C. after an exceedingly good start. Nancarrow and New scored the greater part of their 100 runs which Civil Service knocked off, although not before they had lost 7 wickets. G. Stone made 32, while Attwell took 7 for 28 for Civil Service, and New 5 for 27 for R. A. F.

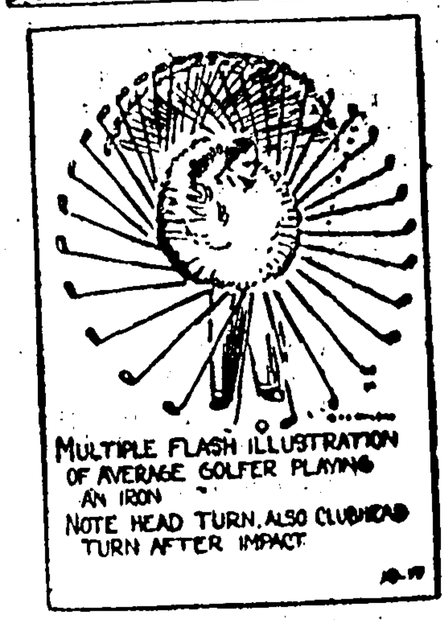
Outstanding performances in other games were Baldwin's 7 for 38 against I. R. C., yet another half-century by W. Mulcahy, and big innings by W. L. Clarke and J. Macaulcy in the Police-D. B. S. match, in which J. Lewis took 5 for 15.

THE CRICKET LEAGUE

In view of the close proximity to the date set for the opening of the Cricket League, Clubs have now been circularised to ascertain their views in connection with a proposal to hold the League in abeyance for this season in view of the additional Volunteer camps.

It is understood that a decision will be made shortly.

GRAPHIC GOLF



MULTIPLE FLASH ILLUSTRATION OF AVERAGE GOLFER PLAYING AN IRON
NOTE HEAD TURN. ALSO CLUBHEAD TURN AFTER IMPACT

REVEALING ERRORS

By BEST BALL

Just how much effect does the impact have in turning clubface aside in the golf swing. That shock at the moment of contact, especially with an iron, can be felt noticeably by the majority of players. Many have wondered what the effect was on the clubhead at this point. Through the multiple-flash photographing system the actual turning of the clubhead is revealed and in the above instance there seems to be plenty of it. As a matter of fact the heel of the clubhead seems to actually leading the way a short while after impact, so completely has it been turned aside at this moment.

Naturally in the hands of an expert golfer there is not such a noticeable reaction but there is some turning aside nevertheless. By the time the turn is made however, the ball has already been dispatched on its way. In the average player's stroke there is often some slight collapse at this point due to a faulty grip which gives way. There is also a radical difference in the headturn of the average player and the professional. While the photograph of the latter reveals the head still in the original position, chin pointed slightly back of the ball, the ordinary golfer allows his head to turn aside, a well known error.

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WHITEAWAY'S

POLICE AND CLUB DRAW 3-3

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

An unconverted try by Dempsey very late in the second half enabled Police to share the spoils with Club "A", for whom Charter scored a good try, in their midweek Rugby fixture at the Valley yesterday. The 3-3 result was a very fair one.

Club were without Thompson, Bidwell, Day and D. Hynes and as a result their back division were seldom prominent. Police were without Fay and Wilson, their centre threequarters, but Rose made a welcome return to the pack after leave.

After a pointless—in more senses than one—first half Charter, who was undoubtedly Club's only dangerous back, scored as the result of putting the ball at his feet and beating Wall to the touch-down. Castleton failed with the kick from an awkward angle. As is usual with Club "A" in midweek the home team eased up in the last 10 minutes and, after a period of strong Police pressure, Dempsey went over in a wild scrimmage. Wall just missed converting the effort with a good kick.

The Christmas holidays left their mark on many of the players and the only highlights of a scrappy game were the fine understanding between Thomson and Charter, the former sending out a perfect service and exploiting "blind side" tactics with remarkable accuracy, good full-back play by Wall, who had Van Leeuwen bottled up despite the latter's many fine opportunities, and a rousing display of forward play by Dempsey. Innis and Searle were the only other players to impress, though Salter hooked very effectively.

Luscombe played a bustling game against Thomson, who was also well watched by Cullinan, and it was the first time this season that I have seen the Club's young scrum-half so harassed. He settled down quickly, however, and did well, though he would do better to find touch instead of trying to force his way through the pack as Luscombe does.

Police passing was poor and as a result Taylor was again badly starved.

CLUB "A" — Walkden; Van Leeuwen, Needham, Taylor and Lavalle; Charter and Thomson; Stout, Salter, Wanklyn, Benn, B. Hynes, Burford, Castleton and Stoker.

POLICE—Wall; Reynolds, Riddell, Jackson and Taylor; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Searle, Rose, Cullinan, Innis, Lewis, Dempsey and Jenner.

Navy "A" Win

At Causeway Bay yesterday Navy "A" beat Royal Army Medical Corps by 9 points (three tries) to 5 points (1 goal) in a friendly Rugby game.

The Medicals were handicapped by the absence of Thomas, early in the first half, through injuries, but opened their account with a good try by Wigglesworth, who himself converted, and held this lead till the interval.

In the second half Navy improved and scored through Paul, who however, failed with the kick. Jeffries scored the second try, which was also not converted, and shortly before time O'Riodan scored the last try.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2749.	Between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 492 & 549, Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 5,400	$74	$6,750
			As per sale plan						

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8	Inland Lot No. 5741.	Between Inland Lots Nos. 3507 and 3508, King's Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 14,750	$253	$20,625
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Garden Lot No. 111.	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 949, Conduit Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 6,760	$16	$253
			As per sale plan						

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NEW PEACE DRIVE FORESHADOWED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

THE VISIT OF HIS Eminence the Pope to King Victor Emmanuel to-day, and the recent communications between the Pope and President Roosevelt are believed to foreshadow a new peace drive, sponsored by the Vatican, Italy and the United States.

The manner of approach to the problem, it is reported, has already been the subject of informal exchanges of views.

There are reports that a meeting between the Pope and Signor Mussolini at the Vatican is being arranged for January 6.

Meanwhile, Washington reports refer to a conference between President Roosevelt and two leading churchmen the President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Chief Rabbi of the Jewish Theological College.

Dr. Butterick, after the conference, stated that it was preferable that the President should make any announcement relative to their discussion, but it is understood that President is seeking the support of all religious organisations in the United States for the peace campaign.—Havas.

KING'S MESSAGE TO ROOSEVELT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The State Department has released the text of a cable received from the King of Italy on December 21.

The cable reads: "I beg you to accept sincere and cordial wishes for 1940, which I extend to the American people and yourself."

President Roosevelt answered: "I received with profound satisfaction the cordial good wishes of your Majesty, and in the name of the American people I am happy to send our best wishes in return.

"May the New Year grant the Italian people that peace and goodwill which we all desire so ardently."—Havas.

TWO MORE U-BOATS DESTROYED

London, To-day.

The sinking of two more German U-boats is officially announced in a French communique issued last night. The submarines were sunk by French naval patrol craft.—Reuter.

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Shiukwan, To-day.

Japanese and Chinese artillery have been in action since dawn, the Japanese shelling from long range. All fronts in northern Kwangtung are aflare with military activity, and mechanised units are in action.

In some areas, the Chinese claim to have repulsed attacks, the Japanese suffering heavy casualties, while in other sectors the Japanese, it is admitted, are making progress in their northward advance.

The Canton-Hankow Line between Ying Tak and Shiukwan and between Yungyun and Shiukwan are being compulsory evacuated and turned into fortified zones.—Our Own Correspondent.

Shiukwan, To-day.

It is officially announced that Chinese aircraft bombed the Japanese positions and communication lines yesterday with satisfactory results.—Our Own Correspondent.

BIRTH

WARD.—On December 22, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ward, a son—Douglas James.

DEATH

FIGUEIREDO.—At his residence No. 65 Waterloo Road, on Thursday, December 28, 1939, at 3.20 a.m., Manuel Augusto de Figueiredo, aged 63 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day. (Shanghai and Japan papers please copy).

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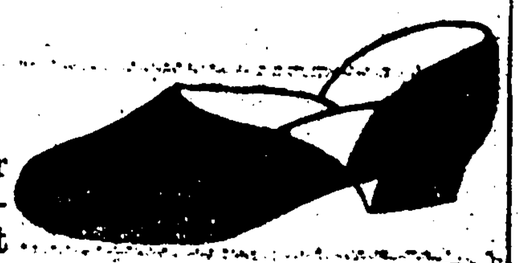

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